

OverDrive is Back! Library Brings Back OverDrive for E-books, E-audiobooks

On December 1, the library moved from OverDrive to Cloud Library as its main platform for e-books and e-audiobooks. The library staff immediately began to receive complaints by e-mail and phone from unhappy e-book and e-audiobook users. Initially, some of the issues involved logging into Cloud Library or downloading the platform's app, and were quickly resolved. However, there were also a rapidly-growing number of complaints from people with Kindle Paperwhites and MP3 players.

While e-book and e-audiobook usage grew over the past decade, the library did receive complaints about OverDrive's usability. Unfortunately, for many years there were no other legitimate alternatives for libraries. Cloud Library existed, but the variety of titles available for purchase through the platform didn't rival OverDrive--until recently.

The library re-visited Cloud Library in the fall of 2016. When the library staff tested

Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day! Cloud Library on various mobile devices, they thought that it was easier to use than OverDrive. In addition, 95% of the titles available through OverDrive could be purchased for Cloud Library; Cloud Library also had titles unavailable through OverDrive.

The library obtained statistics from OverDrive to determine which devices were most used to download e-books and e-audiobooks; however, the statistics didn't include Kindle Paperwhites and MP3s because users download e-books and e-audiobooks onto a desktop computer before transferring them to those devices. Unlike OverDrive, which has licensing agreements with Amazon, Cloud Library is not compatible with Kindle Paperwhites or MP3 players. Cloud Library can be used with any Smart phone, Kindle Fires, iPads, and any Android device.

Prior to the move to Cloud Library, the library launched another e-audiobook service, OneClickDigital. The product offers 5,000 adult and 1,500 children's e-audiobook titles, most of which can be used with MP3 players. OneClickDigital also allows simultaneous use, meaning a title can be checked out by multiple users at the same time—a feature that neither OverDrive nor Cloud Library offer. The only drawback to OneClickDigital is that there are only 50 new e-audiobook titles added to the collection each quarter. Unfortunately, the addition did not appear to satisfy the library's MP3 player users.

While the purpose of the move to Cloud Library was to improve usability, many perceived the change as a reduction of services. Others believed the move was a budget-cutting measure. In reality, the library has continued to expand its digital offerings. In addition to OneClickDigital, it launched two new products, Atomic Training and Mergent Intellect, on January 3.

When the library's statistics for December 2016 were pulled, it showed that e-book and e-audiobook usage had plummeted 50% from the previous month. While the library didn't want to divide its annual e-book and e-audiobook budget between two platforms, it ultimately decided to bring OverDrive back to accommodate Kindle and MP3 player users.

OverDrive is a "platform," which means that it doesn't automatically contain content; OverDrive is simply the access point. Over the past decade, the library purchased all the e-book and e-audiobook titles individually to fill the platform with content. When the move to Cloud Library occurred, the library moved its 3,500 e-audiobook titles and 7,200 e-book titles from OverDrive to the new platform. These titles will remain in Cloud Library; transferring electronic titles between platforms is not a simple or easy process.

The library is still under contract with Cloud Library and will continue to offer the platform, which it still considers easier to use than OverDrive for many devices. As a result, library users returning to OverDrive on February 1 will notice a far smaller selection of titles. However, the library did purchase approximately 400 new titles for OverDrive prior to the re-launch and will continue to re-build the collection each month. Several hundred additional titles which could not be transferred to Cloud Library originally due to copyright issues will also re-appear in OverDrive.







"New Libraries" Webpage Features Final Building Plans, Will Document Construction

The library's design plans for its new facilities are complete. Construction is expected to begin the third week of April. The library has created a webpage on its website that now features the site plans, floor plans, and exterior elevations for each facility. Once interior drawings are available, they will also be placed on the webpage. Once construction begins, the library will update the webpage regularly with photographs to document the progress at each location.

The "New Libraries" can be found at www.scenicregional.org/newlibraries.

Check out the drawings and plans for our new libraries! www.scenicregional. org/newlibraries



Hoopla Usage Limits Increased

The library added Hoopla in the spring of 2015, giving patrons access to thousands of digital videos, songs, and audiobook titles for use on their computer, smartphone or tablet. The library's annual fee for usage is based on usage; there is a charge per use. Unlike the library's print collection and even other digital resources, users can access the same titles on Hoopla simultaneously without the need for placing a request. The first year the library offered Hoopla the budget for the service was \$15,000.

The library publicized Hoopla heavily over the past two years and usage steadily increased each month. Over the final six months of 2016, Hoopla usage increased to \$3,300 a month. When the library moved from OverDrive to Cloud Library in December, Hoopla usage spiked to \$4,100. The spike was likely driven by unhappy former OverDrive users seeking another place to find e-audiobooks.

Unable to afford the \$50,000 that Hoopla was on pace to cost in 2016-2017, the library decided to cap Hoopla usage at \$2,000 per month in December 2016. The monthly budget limit is broken



down by day. If the library's daily budget was already expended, users received a message that a title was unavailable and they should try again the next day. When the usage cap was set, the library's staff began to receive phone calls from upset users who were unable to check out titles.

With the library staff already handling ongoing issues and complaints about the move to Cloud Library, the administration acted quickly to address the Hoopla matter. At their January meeting, the library's Board of Trustees approved a requested amendment to the library's annual budget and increased the monthly usage cap for Hoopla to \$4,000 per month. This spring, the Library Board will reconsider the usage cap on Hoopla for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Friends Memberships to Expire in March 2017-2018 Members Get First Tour of New Libraries

Friends of the Library annual memberships expire on March 31. Along with regular membership perks, such as an invitation to Friends-only book sale previews, special book sale discounts, and an invitation to special Friends-only programs, 2017-2018 Friends of the Library members will receive an exclusive, private tour of the new buildings by the library's director, Steve Campbell, prior to their opening to the public.

Membership dues are used to provide additional new materials, furniture, and equipment at the library's branches. Friends' membership dues are designated solely for a member's local branch and are tax deductible. The renewal form can be found on the last page of the library's e-newsletter. Currently, the library has 300 Friends of the Library members systemwide.

Join the Friends of the Library in 2017 and receive an exclusive, private tour of the new buildings prior to their opening to the public.



A monthly publication from your local library!

Montgomery County Commission Fails to Place Library Measure on April 2017 Ballot

The Montgomery County Commission failed to place a measure on the April 2017 ballot which would have given voters in the southern portion of the County an opportunity to vote on receiving public library service in the area. The deadline for the measure to be placed on the ballot was January 24. Montgomery County is one of the few counties in Missouri without countywide public library service. Currently, individuals living in the County outside of Montgomery City must pay either Montgomery City Public Library or Scenic Regional Library for a non-resident library card.

A mail survey conducted by the library in the summer of 2016 indicated that slightly more than 50% of registered voters in southern Montgomery County would like to join Scenic Regional Library. Scenic Regional Director Steve Campbell had met with the Commissioners on three previous occasions in 2016 about expanding library service into the County.

In early January 2017, Campbell presented two resolutions to the Montgomery County Commissioners. The first resolution would have created three library subdistricts in Montgomery County along school district boundaries—Montgomery City school district, Wellsville school district, and Montgomery County portion of the Hermann school district.

The second resolution would have placed a tax measure on the April 2017 ballot in the southernmost library subdistrict. If the measure had passed with a simple majority, it would have joined Scenic Regional Library.

Scenic Regional Library had agreed in writing—as requested by the Commission—to pay the cost to place the measure on the ballot, estimated at \$3,600. As a result, the resolutions could have been approved by the Commission for no cost to the county. Campbell believed that the resolutions would be approved prior to the deadline.

If the ballot measure in southern Montgomery County had been placed on the ballot and approved, the library district had discussed building a new, larger facility in Hermann to serve the residents of both northern Gasconade County and southern Montgomery County. Now, those plans are on hold, at least temporarily, until the library district decides its next course of action regarding southern Montgomery County.

The creation of the three library subdistricts would have also allowed the Montgomery City Public Library and Wellsville Public Library to ask voters to expand library service into those portions of the county within the next five years, if they had wanted.

If Scenic Regional Library were to be expanded into southern Montgomery County, residents would be able to obtain a library card to use any of the system's branches, including the nearby Hermann branch. They would also enjoy access to the library's extensive digital resources, including digital music, digital videos, e-books, e-magazines, and e-audiobooks. The library would have also scheduled multiple monthly bookmobile stops in the subdistrict, in communities such as McKittrick, Big Spring, and Rhineland, and provide its free books-by-mail program for homebound residents.

Currently, the non-resident fee for a library card is \$25, but there has been discussion to increase the fee to \$60 a year. Since the library's tax increase in 2014, the average homeowner in the Scenic Regional Library pays \$60 in taxes to the library each year. There are many Montgomery County residents who currently pay to obtain a Scenic Regional Library card.



The Kuhlmans point out historic sights during their program: China's Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow at the Hermann branch.



An Owensville patron models her beautiful bracelet she created during the Making Paper Jewelry program at the branch.



Several Pacific patrons enjoyed making a snowman craft to take home to celebrate the end of Winter. Now, bring on Spring!

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The New Haven branch had great attendance at their Climate Change event presented by Larry Lazar.



Come check out the latest selections at the Staff Picks display at the Union branch.



The Pacific branch had a very large crowd at Read, Build, and Play. Everyone built their own interpretation of the books that were read and then displayed their creations at the branch.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies for New Buildings Scheduled for Early April

Construction on the new facilities is expected to begin the third week of April. The library will be holding groundbreaking ceremonies at each new site. The library is currently working to schedule county commissioners and state legislators to speak at each groundbreaking event. The list of speakers at each event will be available in the library's March newsletter.

The general public is welcome to attend the events. Friends of the Library members, Library Board members, Library Foundation Board members, County Commissioners and other County elected officials, state legislators, city elected officials, local school administrators and School Board members, Chamber of Commerce directors and officers, the local media, and other notable people in each community will also be invited to the events.



The location, date, and time of each groundbreaking ceremony is:

Warrenton Branch

Date: Saturday, April 1, 11 AM Location: 912 S. Hwy. 47, Warrenton, Missouri 63383 (The existing branch will be expanded and renovated.)

St. Clair Branch

Date: Saturday, April 1, 3 PM Location: 515 E. Springfield Rd., St. Clair. Missouri 63077 (The existing branch will be expanded and renovated.)

Owensville Branch Date: Saturday, March 25, 3 PM Location: 502 Olive St., Owensville, MO 65066 (Directly across Hwy. 19 from Save-A-Lot.)

New Haven Branch Date: Saturday, April 15, 3 PM Location: 200 Douglas St., New Haven, MO 63068 (Directly North of Boondocker Inn on Douglas St.)

Pacific Branch

Date: Saturday, April 8, 11 AM Location: 111 Lamar Parkway, Pacific, MO 63069 (On the corner of Rose Ln. and Lamar Parkway, across the street from Bristol Manor.)

Sullivan Branch

Date: Saturday, April 15, 11 AM Location: 525 Cumberland Way, Sullivan, MO 63080 (Directly North of the First Presbyterian Church on Cumberland Way.)

Wright City Branch

Date: Saturday, April 8, 3 PM Location: 60 Wildcat Dr., Wright City, MO 63390 (Directly South of Wright City West Elementary School on Wildcat Dr.)



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This Daring Girls Club organized themselves to bring pillowcases to tie dye during Kids Club at the Hermann branch! We can't wait to see how they all turn out!



Union branch participants learned how to create a creamy body butter, milk and honey face mask, and brown sugar face scrub for an easy spa day at home.



Congratulations to Kevin LeVart our 2nd Annual Crock Pot Chili Cook-Off winner at the St. Clair branch!! Kevin received a \$25 gift certificate to Country Mart.



Sullivan had a full house for Cocoa and Coloring at the library. Everyone was not only creative with their coloring but with the cocoa bar as well.



Wellness Educator Cindy Trotter presented a motivational program at the Warren County branch. Attendees wrote down goals, and made vision boards to help achieve them!



Storytime at the Owensville branch was all a"buzz" with happy little bugs listening to stories and creating hats to take home.



Scenic Regional Library has a sign posted at the future site of each branch being built or expanded. To learn more go to www.scenicregional.org/newlibraries.



The bookmobile recently received a little face lift. She has new carpet, recovered seats; and is ready to roll! Come visit us as soon as you can and let us know what you think of her new

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Thank you to everyone who participated in St. Clair's event: No-Sew Fleece Throws. Each blanket was unique and beautiful!



Sullivan's first Teen Book Club was a success. Teen patrons enjoyed brownies and played a new game using books.



This young patron displays her mitten she made during Storytime in Warren County. Patrons enjoyed listening to 'The Mitten' and 'The Hat' by Jan Brett.

HERMANN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club - NEW time! Every 3rd Wednesday from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Alzheimers: The Basics Thursday, February 23 at 2:00 pm Learn about dimentia and alzheimer's disease including diagnosis, progression, treatment, resources, & support.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am Join us for stories, rhymes, and crafts! February 2: Groundhog Day Storytime

Drive-In Movie

Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 am We will sit in our "cars" and watch a G-Rated movie with popcorn!

TiLT: Make Mosaic Ceramic Tiles *Wednesday, February 8 at 2:00 pm*

Storyteller Storytime *Friday, February 10 at 10:00 am* Come be transported to fairytale land by storyteller Flavia.

Kids Club: Cupcake Wars! Jr. Tuesday, February 14 at 3:30 pm

Please register for family programs. FAMILY PROGRAMS Family Movie Night: BFG

Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 pm Join us at the Hermann Show Boat Theater, sponsored by Hermann Lumber.

Critters for Kids

Friday, February 24 at 1:00 pm Come face-to-face with a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Friends of the Library Meeting Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm

Book Club at the Branch

Wednesday, February 22 at 5:00 pm Join us for a discussion of "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. Stop by and check out a copy today.

La Leche League of Franklin County Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am Its purpose is to support nursing moms. The group will meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at the branch. (Registration is not required.)

Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's *Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 pm* Address commonly-held fears about Alzheimer's disease. Program held at the Old New Haven School.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pages and Popcorn Teen Book Club 1st Saturday each month at the branch. *Saturday, February 4 at 1:00 pm* We will discuss "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman. Stop by and check out a copy today.

Pre-School Storytime

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am & Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 am Up to Kindergarten age. Enjoy stories about family & friends along with songs, finger plays, & crafts.

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12) Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 am Stop by for more science, hands-on fun.

Please register for family programs. FAMILY PROGRAMS

Critters for Kids

Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm See a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary. Program held at the Old New Haven School.

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OWENSVILLE BRANCH

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Movie Night at the Library

Friday, February 3 at 7:00 pm We will be showing "The Light Between Oceans".

Local Author Book Signing

Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Several people will be on hand to display their book and tell us their stories.

Take-A-Ticket Training

Thursday, February 15 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sign up for a 30-min. session to get one-on-one help with your device.

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm We will discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.

Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 pm Join us to solve who was "bumped off on Bourbon Street"! A little Mardi Gras fun for all!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:30 am Stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

Read, Build, & Play

Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 am Learn to make playdough.

Please register for family programs. FAMILY PROGRAMS

Critters for Kids

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 pm Come face-to-face with a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

PACIFIC BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

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Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Craft That: Folded Book Art Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm

Genealogy 101 Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 am

Book Signing with Sandy Becker-Gurnow

Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 pm She will be discussing and signing her book "Tying Up the Bits and Pieces-Local History".

Book Club

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm We will be discussing "The Plum Tree" by Ellen Marie Wiseman.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten) Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kid's Club (Grades 1-5) Every Saturday at 1:00 pm February 4: Valentine's Building (STEM) February 11: Game Day February 18: World Bird Sanctuary February 24: Builder's Club-Robotics

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Critters for Kids

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ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Thursday Night at the Movies:

"Groundhog Day" (Rated PG) Thursday, February 2 at 6:00 pm 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Jammin' @ the Library: Get Out Your Guitar

Saturday, February 11 at 3:00 pm Bring your guitar to jam & learn 10 reasons playing guitar is good for you!

Using the Cloud Library

Tuesday, February 14 at 11:00 am Learn how to access and use our digital resources on Cloud Library.

Book Club

Thursday, February 23 at 2:00 pm Join us for a discussion of "The Book That Matters Most" by Ann Hood.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm Ages 18+ only. Dress in costume, make masks, compete in a trivia contest for prizes and snack on King Cake.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storvtime

Every Thursday at 11:00 am For preschool-age children.

Read, Build & Play Every Saturday at 11:00 am

Home School Group 1st and 3rd Thursdav at 10:00 am

Knitting 101 for Teens

Saturday, February 18 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Make a scarf! Bring 1 skein of yarn and a set of size 8 or larger knitting needles. Limited to 10 patrons.

Critters for Kids

Saturday, February 25 at 1:00 pm Come face-to-face with a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

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SULLIVAN BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Famous Lovers in Literature & History

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm Learn the history behind the most famous lovers in literature.

Take-A-Ticket Training

Thursday, February 23 from 2:00pm - 6:00 pm Sign up for a 30-min. session and get one-on-one assistance with your computer problems or device.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (preschool-age children) Every Tuesday at 10:00 am Songs, rhymes, stories, crafts, & fun!

Special Saturday Storytime Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 am

Teen Book Club!

Monday, February 6 at 4:00 pm An open discussion w/snacks!

Kids Club:

Lego & Duplo Contraptions *Wednesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm*

Please register for family programs. FAMILY PROGRAMS

Critters for Kids

Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 am Come face-to-face with a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

UNION BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Bourbeuse River Book Club

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm We will be discussing "In the Lake of the Woods" by Tim O'Brien.

Hooked on Books

Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 pm We will be discussing "Messages from My Father" by Calvin Trillin.

Book Bingo

Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 am Grab your friends and enjoy a morning of Bingo! Book prizes for all winners.

Please register for computer programs. COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Wednesday, February 8 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Learn how to perform basic functions in Microsoft Powerpoint.

Using Freegal Music *Friday, February 17 at 10:00 am* Learn how to use this digital music service.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10:00 am

Teen Un-Valentine's Day Party *Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 pm* Registration is required for this event.

Please register for family programs. FAMILY PROGRAMS Critters for Kids

Friday, February 17 at 6:00 pm Come face-to-face with a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

WARREN COUNTY BRANCH

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-A-Ticket Training

Wednesday, February 1 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sign up for a 30-min. session and get one-on-one assistance with your computer problems or device.

Hand & Neck Massage 101

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm Presented by Cindy Trotter. Learn about reflexology using aromatherapy oils.

Book Club

Wednesday, February 15 at 2:00 pm "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield.

Chick Flick & Chocolate Bar

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm We will watch "Chances Are" starring Robert Downey, Jr. Famous Lovers in Literature & History Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm Learn the history behind the most famous lovers in literature.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten) Mondays at 6:30 pm, Tuesdays at 10:00 am February 14 at 10:00 am: Clifford Valentine Storytime. Bring your camera! No Storytime February 20th

Critters for Kids

Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 pm See a variety of animals in this versatile program brought to you by the World Bird Sanctuary.

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5)

Monday, February 6 from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm We will feature Lincoln Logs.

Robotics (Grades 5-12)

Monday, February 27 from 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm Build with the WHS Robotics Club. Animate them using computer software.





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